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The Achiever

THE ARTHUR O. EVE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The College at
Brockport
Division of
Enrollment and
Student Affairs

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Spring

Boy! Didn't that winter break go by real fast and hasn't this been a strange winter? Or should I knock on wood after all it's not over yet. We will see. In the meantime welcome to the spring semester. Welcome to all of our new transfers and welcome back to all of you who are returning and our re-admits as well. Let me also congratulate all 14 students who completed graduation requirements this past December. I also want to compliment all of you for what seems to be one of the best academic semesters since I have been here. Out of 355 students on our program we have only 31 with a grade point average below a 2.0. In addition, there are 96 students with a grade point average of above a 3.0. I am extremely proud of your success. Now I would be remiss to just leave it there without saying, we can do even better, since we are all about academic excellence. So let's stay on task and make this spring semester even better.

Of course you are all aware that Sophea So has left us, for a new opportunity in NYC. We will all miss her and we wish her all the best. We now have Miss Debra Joseph who has joined us in Sophea's position. Lets welcome her with open arms.

There are some important things you need to pay attention to in the next few weeks. Remember your FAFSA for 2012 -2013 must be filed by March 1, 2012. If you are planning to graduate this May, you must apply in Registration and Records and you should have confirmed that you have satisfied all graduation requirements with your academic advisor. Again, welcome back and much success to all of the members of the EOP Family. Also remember to have fun. See you soon. Good luck to each and every one of you.

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Quick Note:

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure.

Colin Powell

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Financial Aid News

As we enter the Spring 2012 semester, it is a critical time in the financial aid process as FAFSA and TAP applications for next year need to be completed by March 1, 2012.

For Independent Students: If you are independent due to a Dependency Override, you are now able to complete your FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. You must check a box indicating that you are unable to provide parental information and submit your completed Dependency Override Update Form (I12) to the Financial Aid Office. This process should be completed with the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible after January 1st, 2012. Also, if selected for verification, you may need to submit copies of your federal tax return and/or other required documentation for verification of your FAFSA record.

For Dependent Students: You are still required to complete your FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Also, if selected for verification, you will also need to submit all requested documentation for verification of your FAFSA record.

All Students: You must complete your TAP on the Web as well. At the end of the online FAFSA, there is a link available on the confirmation page that you can click on to transfer all of your FAFSA data to the online TAP application.

ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO YOUR FINANCIAL AID ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR EOP COUNSELOR

Please remember that proof of filing your FAFSA must be submitted to your EOP counselor by March 1, 2012. EOP aid will not be given to you unless your financial aid file is complete. We recommend that you and your parent sign the FAFSA electronically using a PIN, you and your parent can request a PIN at www.PIN.ed.gov. If you or your parent do not electronically sign your FAFSA using your PIN, you must print the signature page prior to submitting the FAFSA. You will need to provide your signature as well as your parent's signature (if you are a dependent student) and submit this page to your EOP counselor for mailing. Prompt and accurate completion of the process is important to you receiving a proper financial aid package. Other documents may be requested by the financial aid office once they have received your FAFSA information. Federal tax returns and W-2 forms will be requested if you and/or your family reported estimated income on the FAFSA. It is very important that you thoroughly understand all aspects of the financial aid renewal process.

REMEMBER: YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR EOP AID UNTIL YOU FILE YOUR FAFSA!

The EOP family will be working with you to help arrive at a timely and successful completion of this important process. Last but not certainly not least, it is important to remember to live within your means. Remember that if you do work, do not spend more money than you receive from a part-time job. Please be mindful of your credit habits and that your academic success must always come first. Make sure you know the difference between a "need" and a "want." For additional help or information about managing money, please feel free to visit the STAR Center located in the Financial Aid Office.



Welcome, New Staff Members!

My name is Terrence Harris, and I am a new Graduate EOP Counselor. I am from The Bronx, NY. I Graduated from Brockport with a Sports Management degree. I am currently working on a Master's degree in Recreation Management. My Birthday is June 4th.

Upcoming EOP Events

Come and join the EOP family as we celebrate our students' birthdays. Whether it's your a birthday or not, stop by the office for some fun. Come and enjoy the celebration while making your own ice cream sundae and enter the raffle to win prizes.

Dates: March 21st & April 18th

Time: 12-1:30pm

Location: EOP Office- Rakov G20

Welcome, New Staff Members!

Greetings!

My name is Debra Joseph-McEwen, and I am the new Academic Coordinator for the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program here at the College of Brockport. I responsible for overseeing the EOP Peer Tutoring Program; the EOP Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program; the First Year Structure Program; and the coordination of other support services.



EOP Black History Month Celebration

The EOP will be celebrating Black History Month on February 24, 2012 at The Seymour Union Gallery from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Chow down on great food, dance to good music, and participate in fun games with the EOP family! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions please contact Terrence Harris at 395-5433 or Gabriel Marshall at 395-5434.

EOP's Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program

EOP's **Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program** offers students another opportunity to practice their learning. We offer guided study groups for specific classes. The groups are facilitated by peer fellows, a student who, like our peer tutors, has earned a superlative grade in the class and is recommended by the professor.

Students attending can expect the peer fellow to support them through the material they want to practice, helping them not just understand challenging content, but also realize that they have been learning better skills as they practice.

Any student enrolled in the specific class may attend the study group. You'll find that this opportunity is not just for students having trouble. Successful students use this opportunity to maintain and increase their competence.

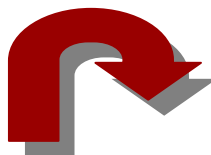
When: Mondays and Wednesdays
9:15pm – 11:15pm

Where: Drake Memorial Library (Keifer Room)

What subjects: MTH, BIO, CHM, PSH, all
pre-requisite nursing courses and help with writing

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djose1@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
ANNUAL EOP
BANQUET!**



For the last 33 years, we have been successful in honoring and recognizing students of the Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education Program for their academic excellence and outstanding service to the college community. The 33rd Annual Honors and Recognition Banquet will be held on April 14, 2012, at 6pm, in the Seymour College Union Ballroom. This year represents 43 years of student success at The College at Brockport. Your presence at the banquet will be a great honor to our program and will speak volumes of the support the college continues to provide. It is imperative that you are in attendance.

We are asking you to set aside April 14, 2012 and hope you will make a commitment to attend. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Tiffany Bradley at 395-5433 or Latasha Craig at 395-5437.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP!

1ST Meeting:

**Monday,
February 13th**

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

**EOP
Conference
Room**



Future meetings

5:00pm to 6:00pm

EOP Conference

Room

2/20	4/2
2/27	4/9
3/5	4/16
3/19	4/23
3/26	4/30

Are you interested in joining a group of supportive women and gaining a support system during these stressful times or looking to build positive relationships and have a place to come and discuss your frustrations? If so, please join the Women's Support group!

For more information, contact:

Latasha Craig, Senior Counselor @ 395-5437 or stop by room G11 Rakov

EOP Writing Workshops

Do you need **help** with improving your writing skills and technique? Having a little **difficulty** formulating a thesis statement or structuring your writing?

When: Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Cooper Hall, Room C-25A)

&

Thursdays 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Rakov, EOP Conference Room)

For more information please contact Debra Joseph-McEwen, EOP Academic Coordinator at djose1@brockport.edu or 585-395-5411



START THE SEMESTER THE RIGHT WAY, SIGN UP FOR A MENTOR!

Sign up to participate in the Educational Opportunity Program's "G.P.S." (Growth . . . Purpose . . . Success) mentoring program. Speak with your Counselor about the benefits of joining the "G.P.S." program and get on the fast track to career success. Build a lasting relationship with a knowledgeable faculty member who can help you better understand your desired career, share valuable insight about changes taking place in your career, and aid you in your growth and development on your journey to becoming a professional. The number of spots is limited so don't waste time in speaking with your Counselor or contacting Gabriel Marshall, Program Coordinator, by phone at 395-5434 or by email at gmarshall@brockport.edu. If you are not matched this semester, your application will remain on file for the next semester.

EOP CHECK DISTRIBUTION DATES

March 8

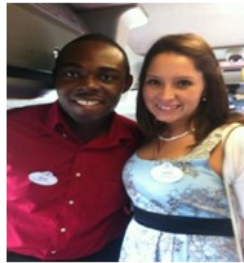
April 5

May 4

Student Spotlight

The Hip Hop Dance Club

My name is Nicson Martinez, a current EOP freshman student in the College at Brockport, and dancing to Hip-Hop is something I have since I was 12 years old. The more I kept dancing, the more I got inspired of the art. I have danced in competitions shows with the Choreography from Torey Nelson, who to me is one of the best Hip Hop choreographers in New York City. Once I started to attend SUNY Brockport, I began to realize that they have an amazing dance department. The variety of dance technique and styles offered here at Brockport are beyond what I expected. They have Modern Dance, Ballet, Step dancing, African dance classes and more. I was more than happy to start learning new styles of dancing at the College at Brockport. I also wanted to continue to practice Hip-Hop dancing because that's what I am familiar with, and it is something I will always love to do. Apparently, Brockport didn't have any dance clubs or programs specifically for the Hip-Hop culture. I was very shock Brockport didn't provide Hip-Hop dancing, and that's when I came out with the idea of creating my own Hip-Hop dance club what is now named, THHDC/The Hip Hop Dance Club. Everyone around me liked the idea because there were a lot of other students that wanted to practice or even learn how to dance Hip Hop. Now, his club is about to become an official club approved by the Brockport Student Government officials.



BROCKPORT EOP FAMILY REPRESENTS

Our students do many wonderful things. David Babb and Taryn Mogavero are both doing internships at Disney World. We are very proud of both of them.

"It's not who you know, it's who knows you!"
By Kala Rounds

I am sure everyone is familiar with the common saying that it's who you know that will help you get further ahead in your career after you graduate. I was taught to disagree with this statement after going to several academic conferences. It is so important to get involved in your field through research, tutoring, volunteering, assistantships, or partaking in study abroad opportunities. These experiences really will set you apart from your competitors. How you ask? It helps to make your face and work ethic known that will positively benefit you when you graduate. You will also be able to provide diversity to your field by having experiences like assistantships or completing a study abroad program.

Focusing in on my experiences with conferences:

I just recently attended and presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in San Diego, California. It was an amazing experience that allowed me to explore a potential field that I may one day enter into. Yes, it was work to get there and present my research project that I have been working on for over a year now. But in the end, I walked away with more knowledge about the field of Social Psychology and an array of networks. Did I mention that having your own research project or just getting involved can generally allow you to go to these places for FREE?! The more you are involved, the better known you will become and when opportunities are available, generally the contacts that you have made throughout your years will be more likely to bring up your name. So the take home message is: work hard and remember that everyone you meet in your journey to getting your undergraduate degree can potentially help you in the future.

If anyone has any questions, need advice on the paths of undergrad, or that pertain to academia in general please contact me at krounds08@yahoo.com. I am always happy to help! Remember! Get involved and let your name be known!

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Student Spotlight, Continued

Elizabeth Bradtke
EOP: Study Abroad

I have had aspirations my entire life to travel the world and immerse myself in various cultures. In January, I was among a group of 42 people who went on a fifteen day study abroad program. During our journey through Europe we went to several countries including: Portugal, Spain, Morocco, France, and Monaco. It was amazing to see so many different countries and interact with so many different people. I am thankful that this trip has made me a much more cosmopolitan individual. This trip was an opportunity of a lifetime and it surpassed all of my expectations.

